

Allocation of funds for development projects in Uttaranchal

2966. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allocated fund for the development of various existing development projects executed by his Ministry in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and disbursed for various Centrally assisted schemes in Uttaranchal during the last two years;

(c) whether the money allocated for various schemes and projects are utilized fully; and

(d) if not, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises essentially deals with 34 operating Central Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under its direct administrative control and policy issues related to all central PSEs. Government is providing budgetary support for some of the capital investment programmes of these PSEs/Units. No development projects are being undertaken by this Ministry in Uttaranchal.

Manufacturing of fuel efficient cars

2967. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that India has not been able to manufacture indigenously till date fuel efficient cars and other motor vehicles having all the features of the modern technology;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to encourage manufacture of such vehicles within the country competing with the international standards;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that Japan and other leading car manufacturing countries are now encouraging manufacture of hybrid cars only; and

(e) if so, what are Government's plans in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) Apart from original equipment manufacturers operating in India, several Indian companies have been manufacturing indigenously fuel efficient motor vehicles such as Indica, Indigo, Scorpio, Victor, Pulsar, Galaxy etc. which are competing against globally established brands.

The Auto Policy 2002 encourages manufacture of small cars which are also fuel efficient in terms of consumption. Government from time to time through fiscal policies has been encouraging manufacture of small cars and two wheelers which are fuel efficient.

(d) and (e) World over, companies in various countries are working on different options for alternative fuel. Japan and other leading car manufacturing countries are working not only in area of hybrid cars but also in bio-diesel, hydrogen and other alternative fuel driven vehicles. In India various initiatives are being taken both by the Government and Industry for development of vehicles run on ethanol, bio-diesel, hydrogen, fuel cell etc. In this regard, National Hydrogen Development Board (NHDB) under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Core Group on Automotive Research (CAR) under the Ministry of Science and Technology have taken initiatives for Research and Development in the frontier areas of technology like hydrogen, fuel cells, bio-fuels, electric vehicles.

Handing over of loss making PSUs to Navratna enterprises

2968. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working out a revised strategy of handing over loss making Central Public Sector Undertakings to Navratna enterprises;

(b) if so, which are the Navratna companies identified for the purpose and the names of the loss making undertaking to be taken over by Navratna companies; and

(c) whether such proposals involve any outflow of capital besides management expertise to be provided to the loss making PSUs and if so, the details thereof?